

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2009**

**Question**

“Could the Minister advise members of the nationality by percentage of the over 1,000 unemployed persons registered with the department?”

**Answer**

The percentage breakdown of individuals registering as actively seeking work at the end of March 2009 is:

British (including Jersey born)	82%
Portuguese	9%
Other	5%
Polish	2%
Irish	2%

The “Other” category includes at least 14 nationalities.

Currently, nationality is recorded at the time of initial registration with the Department, based on an official photo-ID, such as a passport or national identity card. Historically, nationality was recorded on the basis of a self-declaration by the individual.